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O. W. & S. the wind wasn't blowing, yet you might

# ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

CAMP MICHIGAN, Va., Feb'y 19, '61. My DEAR FRIEND: While you are enjoying such fine sleighing, sociables, &c., we are having quite a succession of rainy days; but we are in glorious spirits at the late series of successes that have attended our arms under Burnside, in North Carolina, and under Grant, &c., in Tennessee, and under Lander, in Western Virginia, and now we hear of the fall of Savannah. Is not General McClellan verifying his prediction that "the struggle should be short, but desperate?" Fort Donelson, the key of the South-West, is in the hands of General Halleck. It was a daring victory, but a desperate and bloody struggle. With what sterling heroism did the brave Illinoisans, especially the Eighth and Eighteenth Regiments, stand their ground against fearful odds, until the last bullet had sped on its mission, and then, when those two batteries had been taken by the enemy, how well was the ground re-gained, and the batteries re-taken with clubbed muskets! Hurrah for Illinois.

I was gratified to hear of the gallant part that Company A, of the Chicago was interesting, and I had stayed to the Light Artillery, took in the action. I have an old friend in that Company.

Have we not much to be glad for-not only for the success of our arms, but for the certainty of being understood by the people of the South. The time for the North and South to reason together is not far distant. And the question arises, should there be any distinction made between the traitor North, and the traitor South? That the plan of secession was a deep laid plot, long in maturing, I have no doubt, and that slavery was but a miserable pretext. Does it then follow that the pretext should be removed to prevent the return of the malady? For my part, I can not see how those nullificationists, the Abolitionists, have the brazen-faced assurance to dietate to the Union Administration.

satanic majesty understood his position well enough not to dictate the decrees of Heaven. These disturbers of the nation's peace-these covenant breakers are not to be tolerated. Let them know their posish." Put them alongside their friends, the "secesh." Let them simmer in the same pot. Let them not curse the blood-bought liberties of the American Union, in open daylight. Fort Warren is too good for them. I can see no differwho declares a wish to see the Union manliness to back up his dogma.

Capt. L- is an exception to the genthem that will fight. He is a brave officer, and wide-awake to his business. But I doubt if he finds many in this Regiment who are at such a loss to give a reason for the hope that inspires us in this contest, or who feel so dreadfully anxious for the intelligence of generations yet unborn.

of Michigan amount to nothing, only as able luxury; and I remember when, in a standing insult to the South, is it not the duty of the people of Michigan to wipe it off the statute books of the State ! Vermont is said to have done so; and is Michigan so wretchedly poor, and meansouled as to keep it there in defiance of the constitution of the State and the constitution of the United States, while she has her thousands on southern soil striving to put down secession?

I thank you for the Free Press. That speech of Cox's is pointed and in good season. How refreshing to see these Greeleys, Gurleys, and all of that stamp, just put in their proper light. Congressmen, and reporters, artists, &c., were in the way everywhere at Bull Run-but out of danger, I mean. You would have laughed to see them parading, with all the dignity and bravery of veterans, and then wrong to say they lost their dignity-but

play marbles on their coat tails. The gentle a tone as the occasion would per- mortals cry out before God's high judgriors all the time. They'll always be remembered as a nuisance. Yet, forsooth, his tears. they "who never placed a squadron in the field" know more than General Me-Clellan himself. All we owe to such wiseners is the scene of Bull Run .-Have you seen Beauregard's report of the battle of Manassas? If so, you'll see how very near we came to being "bag-

Now, I think the catechism of the Unon is very simple. What do we live for? The union of hearts and the union of hands, and the flag of our Union forever.

What do you believe in I I believe in the constitution, State rights and national Union. Whom do you swear by I Gen.

Union. Whom do you swear by I Gen. The union of hearts and the union of Union. Whom do you swear by? Gen. McClellan, Fighting Dick, and our little Colonel-by thunder!

Yours, &c., W. H. DRAKE.

# A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.

Midnight-twelve o'clock precisely. The town clock had just proclaimed it to all who had ears to hear and the wish to listen. I had been to the theatre. end. I was some little distance out of town, and on my way homeward my steps led me past one of the city cemeteris At the spot I stopped unintentionally, or perhaps my thoughts caused me to pause. It was a beautiful summer's night, and I

took things generally easy.

I had ever been fond of testing my own courage, merely for my own benefit—my own confidence, my experience. What a lucky chance! A graveyard at black midnight! Were the gates locked! No. I entered. It was here that my poor parents were buried; here lay the last mortal remains of those I once so dearly loved and respected. I had very often visited and knelt by their graves before -by the quiet homes of the deadmourning in melancholy silence my loss and bereavement, but never before had approached at night.

Was I timid-fearful? Why, no; there was nothing to fear. I was no coward, though I could not help noticing how gloomy, how very lonely and sad-looking, It is recorded that Lucifer once appeared everything before me appeared. I passed in the court of Heaven, but even his ed on—on through the lone path, by the side of the drooping willow-on past the white row of tombstones and raised

mounds, to my parents' graves.

I walked with firmer step and quieter nerve than I had expected, though the idea of my situation caused me to shudder perceptibly once in a while; and here I beg you to remember that with the stoutest and bravest of hearts there has been a time of similar sensation. Not

sensitiveness. overhead, indicating rain, breaking now and then over the star-studded sky, castshattered and broken, and the Rebel in ing gloomy shadows along through the arms, who does the same thing-only the rows of graves. The bright moon, now, one is a coward, while the other has the perhaps damped of its brilliancy, half hid behind the racing clouds, would some-times shoot out of its shrouds, and cast a bright stream of light on the weary earth, eral rule. It is refreshing to find one of chasing the retreating shadows before it, and running up to my very feet. Then again would it sink in the surrounding clouds, and the long shadows, creeping over the silent ground, like specters, added a strange, weird aspect to the scene. While the low, inspiring winds, gently wafting through the full-leaved trees, wo'd make a sound like that of dropping rain. To be a solitary visitor of such a place, Although the Personal Liberty Laws and at such a time, was not a very desirmy early childhood, I should have shuddered at the very idea of it.

Very naturally my thoughts became directed to those who had passed before thought, my eyes became rivited on one spot, some little distance in front of me, across the path, where I saw, by dim moonlight, a new-made grave-another tenement to the final, the universal resting-place. That it was a poor person who who had been buried there, I judged by its situation. Yes, indeed, wealth and poverty follow to the tomb, retaining their outward mark of distinction even there.

Perhaps I would not have noticed it. But was it fancy-was it reality? I saw something move upon it. I cautiously rose and approached. What caught my bare feet, stretched across the mound .-A child sobbing-mournfully sobbing-I advanced and touched the little specimen of humanity on the shoulder.

gry at this interruption, he attempted to sorrowing, abused widows, helpless and

boys had lots of fan with them, and were mit, and catching him by the arm.—
"Come, tell me what you are crying for. inventing scares for these amateur war- Don't be afraid; what is your name?" " Lambert White," he uttered through

> " And for what are you crying so?" Poor boy, he broke from my grasp, threw bimself down over the grave with such a scream as I thought would have broken his heart, and sobbed piteously, "Oh, mother, mother! dear mother!"

Alas! I well knew for what he was weeping. His best friend and parent, ta-ken from him at so early an age! It was a sad loss, indeed; I deeply sympathized with him. And such affection, too! At the hour of midnight, mourning in solitude over the silent tomb. I managed to

Strange—or was it strange?—I the't not of my own home—I thought not of the time. My mind was engrossed in the fate of the poor, helplesss little fellow beside me. On he led me through blind or more. The sleighing was excellent, the night was very light, and the horse can cat pork chops for supper and sleep in front of a crooked, rotten looking building, dirty and ancient, as far as I could ascertain in the dark. He spoke not a sight, a large black Newfoundland dog called fleet-footed. word, but went up a pitch-dark, broken suddenly aprang at the horse's head.—
pair of stairs, I stumbled almost at every He seemed to have leaped from the stop, and scarcely knowing if it was discretion, whether it was policy or not, to proceed any further, though I dearly loved adventure, and now I certainly knew not what was before me. At last my guide put his hand to a latch (I could only tell it was such by the sound) and opened a

A low, garret-looking room, with but two small windows, half of the lights stuffed with rags. The ceiling broken, cracked and dirty. A small table and a light (oh, poverty!), a bit of tallow candle flickering and wasting by the wind from the window, stuck between three nails on a block of wood, threw a dim glare over the greater portion of the

meant, I suppose, for a bed, and in another a lot of old kettles and a stove. This, as far as I could see, constituted the possessions therein. Everything betokened want and wretchedness.

"And is this where you live, my boy f" I asked.

" Yes, sir."

" And where is your father !"

I had scarcely spoken-even before an answer could be given, a heavy, clumsy step could be heard outside on the stairs, and a hoarse, gruff voice singing some

profane song.

"It's father," whispered little Lambert.

Good heavens! could a fellow creature. be so degraded? Even on the night of his wife's burial!

A coarse, drunken bloat, in the worst fear, nor cowardice; I would not style it state of intoxication, I saw, he tumbled that, but rather nervousness, deep feeling, into the room and cast his wild, bleared eyes upon me. His poor boy! so young, ence in an Abolitionist, who stigmatizes gazed about my singular position. A the Union as a "League with Hell," and cool night. Fast fleeting black clouds black child crouched from his sight. And what the dead wife must have suffered! The very thought bid me thank God that he had taken her to himself.

With an oath, the man demanded my business. I informed him of the circumstance in which I had found his son, and politely requested that he would deal mercifully with him.

"That's my business, and none of

your'n," he grunted savagely. And, in defiance of me, or to hungry and ferocious temper, he rolled toward the child, seized him roughly and commenced beating him in the most brutal manner. I remonstrated, and managed to get the victim from his clutches, with the determination of taking him from the place. As I reached the door, the drunken brute, with terrible curses on his lips, ordered me away from the house, staggered upon me, and raised his huge fist to strike me down. I evaded the blow; but he, reeling from the force of me from this life to that of eternity. As the intention, fell-forward through the is generally the case with one deep in doorway, headlong over the stairs, down, down into the darkness, head over heels, with frightful velocity, fell heavily at the bottom of the stairs, and all was still.

body.

O intemperance! abominable fiend, un-

pardonable abuser of nature, most damnable appetite, heading the crime-list of eyes? A bundle of rags, and two little earth, how many bleeding hearts curse thee at this moment! How many early graves bear witness of the fatal poison! How many homes of poverty, of terror, of disgrace, hoarsely whisper of the powwhen a round shot or two came crashing over from the rebel batteries, a sudden change came o'er them. It would be to his feet, and turned his tearful, sorrow history bear testimony against thee! Of "Stop, my little fellow," said I, in as ders! Thousands of weeping tortured longer, if required."

"To let forever, or humble—the ideaw of having evaw been longer, if required."

ment seat for avengement.

Another victim lay before me. Sick at heart, I had scarcely noticed the crowd of neighbors who had assembled at the confusion and screams of the boy, physician was called, but all in vain.

The dying man raised his eyes for an instant to his much wronged boy, with an expression of recognition, muttered one sentence—" My poor wife!"—and all was

I took the charge of the orphan. He has lived to be my best friend; and, I thank heaven he has escaped the deadly viper which ruined his home and murdered his parents.

## A Strange and Thrilling Adventure.

A young gentleman of this city was last week spending a day and night in New Britian, and improved the fine moonlight evening by a sleigh-ride with a slippery times. young lady acquaintance. In a single sleigh they drove down through Berlin street, and, turning into the road running went down the road at a killing pace, without a grunt, ground, so unexpected was his appearence. No man was in sight, no habitation, when, without warning, this huge, avage animal made a vigorous dash at that come to be fed, and fly away as soon the nose of the horse. Fortunately he as the crumbs give out. missed his aim, but in an instant he was on his legs again pursuing the sleigh, and though the gait of the horse was quickened into the most rapid speed, the dog reached the side of the sleigh and sprang, pipe.

open-mouthed, at the gentleman's throat. That he missed, but he caught his overcoat and tore a large piece from the skirt. With that effort the dog subsided, and they soon left him out of sight. The whole scene, so sudden and noiseless, was like the apparition of a demon dog out of the ground. The gentleman states that time involves the discharge of cannon and In one corner there lay a heap of rags, he never saw so large a dog. He seemed small arms. eant, I suppose, for a bed, and in anothfully two and a half feet high, and of the — We do most powerful build.

The sleigh-riders drove on perhaps mile further, and sought to return by a different road. But they found that was impossible without diverging many miles from their course. They therefore resolyou to run the risk, and the gentleman, going to a wood-pile, selected two or three suitable sticks, which he placed in the bottom of the sleigh, when they then the control resolution of the sleigh, when they then the control resolution of the sleigh, when they then the control resolution of the sleigh, when they the bottom of the sleigh, when they then the control resolution of the sleigh. tom of the sleigh, when they turned back.

They drove rapidly, and as they approached within about half a mile of the I declare it electrified me." "No wonscene of the late attack, they saw the der," said Jeemes, "it was a gal-vanic great dog quietly standing in the moon- battery." ight, alone, by the roadside, waiting for them. Urging the horse to the top of his speed, the gentleman gave the reins to the lady, and, seizing one of the clubs, prepared for the black enemy. As soon as the sleigh was abreast of him he dashed at it. The gentleman raised the club, intending to strike his head, but the dog man if he could sharpen his appetite. fierce brute fell to the ground, but only winking. for an instant, when he was again in pursuit, more rabid than before.

Unfortunately, in striking the blow, the club being icy, slipped from the gentle-man's hands, and before he could reach another, the dog was again near him, and he felt himself defenceless. The horse to be sure, was fairly flying, but the dog was just gathering for a spring, which must have landed him in the sleigh, when a long, shrill whistle was heard, and the log instantly stopped and turned away. me again." Looking back, the two who had so nar rowly escaped from a most unaccounts ble attack, saw a man come into the road from behind a fence, pick up the club and carefully examine it, and then walk away with his big dog.

We have given the statement of this ingular adventure without exaggeration. It is literally true. If it was an attempt ribly bitten by the mosquitoes until he got at highway robbers, it was certainly a married, when the bloody-villains found most curious one.—Hartford (Conn.,) out that wife his was much the tenderest,

ROASTING A BOMBSHELL.—The Charles ton Courier has the following incident: "A few days since a shell from one of our said a very worthy deacon. "Didn't we Greatly excited, and fearful of the result, rushed for the light, leaped down the from this city, fell without explosion. It time since?" "I believe so," hiccuped steps in almost as quick a time as the was found by a group of little Africans, Samivel; "and between you and me, it drunkard before me, and bent over his who, supposing it to contain something was the deadest take in you ever saw or good, put it into a fire and gave it a roasting. Fortunately the explosion which en-A frightful spectacle, indeed! Bruised ing. Fortunately the explosion which enand bloody, he lay with his back broken, expiring. It was his fate.

> Ex-Governor Joseph A. Wright, late Minister to Berlin, has been appointed by Gov. Morton, of Indiana, successor to I think there would be no difficulty in Jesse D. Bright. Mr. Wright is a demo- putting it on about four times."

> place is filled, and so completely that he "Welcome, little strangeaw! Baby, sinseems no longer wanted.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERMS.

Life is but a short day-but it is a working day.

- Whale a youngster, and what do you get out of him? Blubber.

- Those who heed not God's writ, are often forced to heed the sheriff's

- When you wind up your affairs, mind you use the right watch key.

- Self-respect is the noblest garment

with which a man may clothe himself. - Why is Floyd like the ghost in Hamlet? Because he is "sheathed in

- Why is a pretty girl like a first-rate mirror? Because she's a good looking

- Mrs. Partington says one is obliged to walk very circumscrumptiously these

- When does a farmer act in great rudeness towards his corn? When he pulls its ears.

- Because Commodore Foote com-

mands the fleet at Cairo, may it not be - Can a general who has gained a victory in the night, be properly said to

have won the day?

- The editor of the Charleston Mercury complains that his water pipe has been cut. Pity it hadn't been his wind-

- The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts; and the greatest art in life is to have as many of them as possible.

- The Louisville Journal says that the discharge of our duty at the present - We don't know exactly what the

'height of ambition" usually is, but we have seen a fussy little specimen of it not more than five feet high. — They have got a pig in Hampshire so educated that he has taken to music.

- " Well, Jeomes," said Zeb, "I kissed Julia for the first time last night, and

- A gentleman having lately been called on to subscribe to a course of lectures, declined, "because," said be, "my wife gives me a lecture every night for

nothing.

- A little boy asked the razor-strop was too quick for him, and the blow de- The razor strop man at once stropped him seended on his back. With a growl, the so severely that the urchin cut off like

> - "I suppose," said a quack, while feeling the pulse of his patient, "that you think me a humbug." "Sir," replied the sick man, "I perceive you can discover what a man things by his pulse."

- " My opponent, Mr. Speaker, per-- " Who's afraid ?" said a young man

courage to the sticking place. "Why you are," said the object of his affection, or you would have taken courage six months ago." - Old Hunks says he used to be ter-

to his sweetheart, in order to screw his

and he hasn't been troubled since. Talk of the selfishness of old bachelors! - " Why, Samivel, I am astonished!"

heard of." - " My son, would you suppose that the Lord's Prayer, could be engraved on a space not bigger than a half dime!"-Why, yes, father, if a half dime was as large in reality as it appears in your eyes,

- The following remark was made by The world goes ever on. It is strange how soon, when a man dies, his place is filled, and so completely that he gulaw queechaw-of cawse; aw was onco An advertisement in a provincial a baby myself. Ought to make a fella